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Response B

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2005.

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of pending  
Claims 1-6, which are being presented again without amendment.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over BE  
788,756.

The present invention is directed to 2-carboxylic acid derivatives and to 4-amino  
derivatives of a compound of the formula

